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GABONESE PATROLBOAT

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JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE

1. DOD ADVISES ESCORT VESSEL CANNOT BE MADE AVAILABLE
WITHOUT SERIOUS DISRUPTION TO OPERATIONS AND TRAINING.
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2. DOD POLICY ON FUEL CONSERVATION LIMITS NAVY TO ACCOMPLISHMENT OF OPERATIONAL AND TRAINING TASKS THAT ARE ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL. IF NAVY HAD ESCORT VESSEL AVAILABLE, FUEL COSTS ALONE FOR THIS MISSION WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY DOLLARS 35,000 EXCLUSIVE OF CREW PAY AND OTHER COSTS THAT WOULD HAVE TO BE INCLUDED IN AN FMS SALES CASE.

3. DEPARTMENT AND DOD DO NOT WISH TO ESTABLISH SUCH A PRECEDENT FOR DELIVERY OF COMMERCIALY ACQUIRED SMALL CRAFT EQUIPPED WITH FMS ARMAMENT SINCE OTHER NATIONS BUYING SIMILAR CRAFT IN FUTURE MIGHT REASONABLY REQUEST

SIMILAR SERVICES.

4. IF SITUATION SHOULD SUDDENLY CHANGE OTHER THAN OUTLINED IN FOREGOING PARAS, WILL INFORM EMBASSY AND RR IMMEDIATELY. KISSINGER

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